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TOPIC Airfields near Moravska Ostrava and Sumperk

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to late January 1952, two small hangars were available at the airfield east of Sumperk (P 50/N 69). The field had no run- or taxiways. In the summer of 1951, one of the hangars was built for the local glider association. Gliding was mostly practiced over weekends. The gliders were towed up by an obsolete biplane. Only one glider was seen aloft at a given time.¹
2. Civil flying was observed at Moravska Ostrava (P 50/O 59) airfield between January and October 1952. Gliding was practiced on Sundays. No towing planes were observed. the gliders were launched by means of winches. No night flying was noticed.
3. Between May and August 1952, parachuting was practiced from twin-engine planes on three or four days of every week. Details of 8 to 10 men jumped from each plane at an altitude of 400 to 600 meters. Only 2 or 3 planes were seen aloft at the same time. The parachutists had white parachutes which opened immediately after they had jumped from a door in the left side of the fuselage.
4. On an "Aviation Day" held in mid-July 1952, gliding and parachute jumps were shown. Six swept-back jet fighters also appeared, allegedly from Prerov (P 50/O 03). The elevator assemblies of the fighters were set high up on the rudder assemblies. The fighters circled the field, dived and at last left the installation in V formation headed south. No aerobatics were practiced by the jet fighters.²

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Comment.

The field is used as an intermediate landing field by civil aviation and for pre-military training in gliding and parachuting. The occupation of Prerov airfield by MiG-15s is possible because this installation was provided with a runway more than 2,500 meters long between 1950 and 1952.

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